

Economic Service Division
Committee on China Research

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(Minutes of Twelfth Meeting - - 1315 hours, 9 December 1954)

Present: [REDACTED] (Acting Chairman) S/TR
25X1A9a [REDACTED] S/COM
[REDACTED] S/PM
representing [REDACTED] S/TF 25X1A9a

25X1X7 In addition to regular members Mr. [REDACTED] 25X1X7
[REDACTED] was also in attendance.

25X1A9a [REDACTED] raised the question on problems besetting the intelligence community, and more particularly the Services Division, in the exploitation of Federal employees who have returned from tours of duty in areas of interest to CIA. [REDACTED] reported on his conversation with Mr. [REDACTED] 25X1A9a

25X1A9a St/I envoys a long range solution to this problem. [REDACTED] assured [REDACTED] 25X1A9a
25X1A9a [REDACTED] that all avenues are being explored but that due to security restrictions a program, as envisaged by [REDACTED] whereby all outgoing and incoming Federal personnel would pass through a CIA briefing and/or debriefing, will not be workable for some time to come. [REDACTED] 25X1X7
25X1A9a remarked that a procedure somewhat similar to [REDACTED] suggestion has been worked by [REDACTED] and is running quite smoothly. [REDACTED] suggested 25X1A9a
25X1X7 that the [REDACTED] experience should be investigated as a possible solution 25X1A9a
25X1A9a to the current Washington situation.

25X1A9a With a view towards developing an immediate course of action Mr. [REDACTED] suggested the possibility that D/S acting through the China Committee might select a single qualified member to represent the Division at all briefings and debriefings. It was pointed out that such would entail considerable work for the person selected and hence he would need full support from the Division Office in order to protect his position vis-a-vis his Branch responsibilities. All members concurred in the view that in general briefings and debriefings of recent date have proved of little value; however, each member present expressed his concern over intrusting the needs of his special field to a single person.

25X1A9a [REDACTED] moved that the meeting of 23 December be held in a Chinese restaurant. Motion was seconded by all members present. Details are to be fixed at the next regular meeting.

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[REDACTED] reported on information concerning a Russian railway construction effort at Alma-Ata which is to build from that city to the Chinese border. This is the first indication that the projected Sino-Russian railway via Sinkiang is being constructed from both ends.

25X1D1a & NSA 25X3 [REDACTED] indicates that Russian truck production is being diverted to China on a very high priority basis. Efforts are being made to clarify the report and further information on this subject will be reported by [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] reported on the continuing progress of the Free Thai movement. He also reported that a Yugoslav survey group had recently discovered copper in N. Burma. No further details on this item were available.

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[REDACTED] reported that on 20 August 2 Letters of Credit were opened in favor of the Chinese for the purchase of Russian aviation equipment. 22% of the funds were for the purchase of air equipment and 73% for ground equipment.

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